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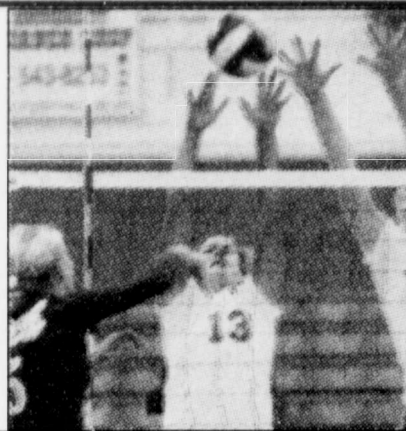
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How safe are the tracks you walk on?

PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

Students and officials ponder railroad safety in the wake of a recent accident near campus.

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On the evening of Saturday, Nov. 11, psychology junior Ryan West was walking to a friend's house near the student apartments on the Foothill Boulevard side of the railroad tracks when he was struck by an oncoming train at the railroad crossing near the California Boulevard intersection.

Though he has no recollection of exactly how the accident occurred, West was struck by an oncoming Union Pacific train at around 1 a.m. and suffered severe damage to his right leg.

Unconscious and bleeding heavily, West was taken to Sierra

Vista Regional Medical Center. West's wounds were not life-threatening, but his right leg had sustained irreparable damage and was amputated below the knee.

Commenting on the current safety devices at the intersection, West said that in the future "it would help if they fenced off the railroad tracks passing California Boulevard" or "built a pedestrian bridge" at the intersection of California and Foothill boulevards.

In the wake of the recent accident, many Cal Poly students, San Luis Obispo residents and city officials have been discussing whether the railroad track safety precautions (particularly at the intersection of California and Foothill boulevards) could or should be improved to ensure that similar accidents can be prevented.

Christine Mulholland, a San Luis Obispo City Council member, said that trains already take several precautions when driving

into the city, such as slowing down considerably before entering city limits and alerting pedestrians and vehicles more than 20 seconds in advance before crossing an intersection. But safety could still be improved.

Mulholland said that the City Council has attempted for years to improve safety along the California Boulevard side of the railroad tracks.

However, the City Council has not been able to resolve responsibility issues with Union Pacific, which owns the tracks.

"For years, we have tried to negotiate with Union Pacific about improving safety out there but it has been a very difficult process because the tracks are private property and not city property," Mulholland said.

Though the City Council and Union Pacific agree that safety could be improved along California Boulevard, by erecting a

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BY THE NUMBERS

47%
of surveyed students think their high school did not prepare them

87%
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23%
keep track of their assignments by memory

Students feel unprepared for college, survey says

Lauren Zahner
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Nearly half of college students surveyed by Greenfield Online, an independent data collection firm, do not think their high school prepared them enough with the orga-

nizational skills needed to succeed in college.

The same survey found that 87 percent of students believe their grades would be improved if they were more organized and better able to manage their time. Another

48.4 percent of college students don't think they have enough time to do their course work. Naturally, most students want to improve their time management skills.

Industrial and manufacturing

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Cal Poly updates mission statement

Sara Hamilton
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The Academic Senate Executive Committee has officially proposed changing Cal Poly's mission statement. The new mission statement was written after consultation between the administration, faculty and staff.

The new statement emphasizes Cal Poly's polytechnic, hands-on approach to learning, as well as the importance of a well-rounded education and involvement in one's community. Also, it asserts that Cal Poly values and respects intellectual and cultural diversity.

The old mission statement portrayed Cal Poly as an undergraduate school mainly serving California, which provided students with opportunities of "direct involvement" in their areas of study.

It also described Cal Poly as an environment in which everyone appre-

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Railroad

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large fence for instance, the issue of who would pay for such implementations has stalled the negotiations, Mulholland said.

"The problem is that Union Pacific wants the city to pay for the fencing, but that is a very expensive undertaking, and since it is private property it would become even more expensive because we would have to attain private property building permits," Mulholland said. "We would be more than happy to provide the labor to build the fences, but the city budget could not support the entire project. We need the railroad company to take some responsibility."

The matter of financial responsibility has certainly been a polarizing issue for Union Pacific and the City Council which, even before the recent accident, had plans to make safety improvements along California Boulevard to the "Railroad Safety Trail," a bike path that runs along the railroads through San Luis Obispo.

"The city has plans to put in some fencing for the project along the palm tree side of California Boulevard but Union Pacific also wants the city to pay for fencing along the block wall side facing the student apartments as well," said Peggy Mandeville, the principal transportation associate for San Luis Obispo.

Yet regardless of the stalemate the city and the railroad company have in deciding who should finance the safety improvements, it is clear that both parties are seriously pursuing that objective.

"Regardless of the money issue, the bottom line is that both parties want to improve safety and discourage people from illegally crossing the tracks," Mandeville said.

The Cal Poly University Police Department, also has an active role in educating students about railroad safety, UPD Chief Bill Watton said.

"On campus, we often have the railroad company bring a safety simulator, and we pass out leaflets and handouts to students to ensure that they are aware of the safety precautions and the dangers of crossing the tracks illegally," Watton said.

Because the railroad is privately owned, the tracks can only be passed at designated intersections, Watton said. It is considered trespassing to cross the tracks elsewhere.

Risk of accidents also increases when students and other pedestrians

walk along or cross the tracks in between designated crosswalks because of the absence of alert mechanisms that are activated when a train is passing, Watton said.

"Our primary concern is to ensure that students are well-educated of the dangers of crossing the tracks illegally. Prevention is the key," Watton said.

Watton said that the UPD were the first to respond to the accident that occurred on Nov. 11 because a UPD patrolman was the closest officer to the scene of the accident. Normally, UPD does not play an active role in patrolling the railroads to ensure that students are crossing legally because that is primarily the

responsibility of Union Pacific, he said.

"Even the portions of the tracks that run through Cal Poly are not university property so we hold no jurisdiction over the tracks. That's up to the railroad company's own private security patrols," Watton said. The railroad company has its own security force that routinely patrols the tracks on ATVs to ensure that students and other pedestrians are not crossing the tracks illegally.

Regardless of the money issue, the bottom line is that both parties (the city and Union Pacific) want to improve safety and discourage people from illegally crossing the tracks.

—Peggy Mandeville

Principal transportation associate for San Luis Obispo

however, think that any safety improvements, particularly a fence near California Boulevard, would be effective.

"They could try to put up a barrier, but I don't think that will work because students will easily find a way to get through these barriers," Watton said.

Many other officials share the same opinion, including Dan Blanke, the captain of the Patrol Bureau in San Luis Obispo, who said a safety barrier would be highly ineffective.

"If we erect a fence on California Boulevard it won't stop students or anybody else from illegally crossing because they would eventually cut holes or go under the fence,"

Blanke said. "And since it isn't our jurisdiction either, it would be hard for us to regulate, and keep people from cutting holes in the fence."

Many students who live near or use California and Foothill boulevards' crosswalk also said that fences would not be very effective in deterring students from crossing the tracks illegally.

"I think the city would be wasting their money because people would either hop the fence or get around it somehow," said agribusiness senior Shawn Fortman, who lives at Cedar Creek, an apartment building that borders the railroad tracks near Foothill Boulevard. "Plus, I don't think that the tracks are that dangerous anyway because the trains cruise by pretty slow, and you can hear them coming from far away."

Blanke said that West's incident was a "freak accident," and safety implementations already in place are satisfactory enough and that the infrequency of accidents that happen on the railroad didn't warrant any further improvements.

Before West was struck by the train, there hadn't been an accident since 2001, when Cal Poly student Jason Cy was fatally hit while trying to cross the tracks on his bicycle. Before the 2001 incident, there hadn't been any fatal accidents in more than 20 years, Blanke said.

Many residents of San Luis Obispo also felt that any safety improvements in the wake of the recent accident weren't necessary because the existing precautions are sufficient enough.

"It's adequate for sober people," said Chris Correa, 28, of San Luis Obispo. "You have to judge the safety to how dangerous is it for attentive pedestrians, and I think the current railroad provisions are suitable."



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Statement

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ciates diversity and safeguards each other's rights.

Mechanical engineering professor James LoCascio said the new mission statement is not yet official; President Baker still needs to give it a final thumbs-up before it is adopted by the university.

The Academic Senate had several reasons for revising Cal Poly's mission statement, which has not been revised since it was written in 1994.

LoCascio said that periodical reconsideration of the mission statement is an expectation in the university's upcoming accreditation process by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. He also noted that the existing mission statement neglects to mention Cal Poly's educational heritage of "learn by doing," Cal Poly's well-known motto.

"I'm glad they decided to include 'learn by doing,' because that's what Cal Poly's all about," liberal studies sophomore Cerra Himle said. "You learn from your classroom experiences. Other schools study theory; we get to implement it on a daily basis."

Baker found that the old mission statement "was too long and was just not saying the right thing," which was another reason for the change, LoCascio said.

Baker seemed pleased with the newly written statement because it puts teaching before anything else and places more emphasis on the close relationship shared between Cal Poly students and faculty. There is also a shift away from the notion that Cal Poly is a "predominantly undergraduate" school.

"You'll notice that students come first in this new version," LoCascio said. "It's more in tune with how we view ourselves as a university."

The new

Cal Poly fosters teaching, scholarship, and service in a learn-by-doing environment where students and faculty work closely together. As a polytechnic university, Cal Poly emphasizes the application of theory to practice. As a comprehensive institution, Cal Poly provides a balanced education in the arts, sciences, and technology while encouraging cross-disciplinary and co-curricular experiences. As a community of life-long learners, Cal Poly values free inquiry, cultural and intellectual diversity, mutual respect, civic engagement and social and environmental responsibility.

Survey

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engineering professor Roya Javadpour teaches project management and organization, which involves time management skills.

"Break big tasks into smaller steps and set deadlines for each of those," she said.

Javadpour works mostly with seniors and graduate students, however, who have taken enough college classes to not fall into these problems.

"By the time their graduates and seniors, I see they're pretty much well organized," she said.

FileMaker, Inc., the distributors of an organizational software program, commissioned the survey. Kevin Mallon of FileMaker said software programs are simply tools that can help students get organized.

"The more tools that are available, the better," he said.

However, almost half of students use handwritten personal calendars to manage their contacts, assignments and deadlines. Another 23 percent keep track of everything by memory. Only 21.7 percent use database software.

"Whatever works. Everybody has their own preferences," Javadpour said. "As long as they use it appropriately."

She also pointed out that traditional notebook planners are probably the cheaper way to organize.

"Everybody might not have the

ability to get the PalmPilot," she said.

Yet Mallon argued that students who use paper planners run a major risk.

"If you lose your notebook, you're basically hosed," he said. Students who use computer programs will have everything on their hard drive and possibly on a memory stick as well. "It's the investment that you make as a student in your time and studies."

Wine and viticulture sophomore Wes Levicki does not use any planners and said keeping everything in his head works perfectly well for him.

"I'm always in the library, that's how I manage my time," he said.

In addition, Levicki said he thinks his high school did make him ready for college.

"I was able to enroll in honors classes, so I think I was pretty much prepared for what I knew was going to hit me."

The survey also found that while only 26 percent of students spend more than 20 percent of their free time partying, almost half say that their grades are affected by partying. At the same time, only 10.4 percent think their grades would improve if they spent less time at parties.

These results were found from the October 2006 survey of 221 full-time college students. Regional quotas were set to ensure that the study was a nationwide representation.

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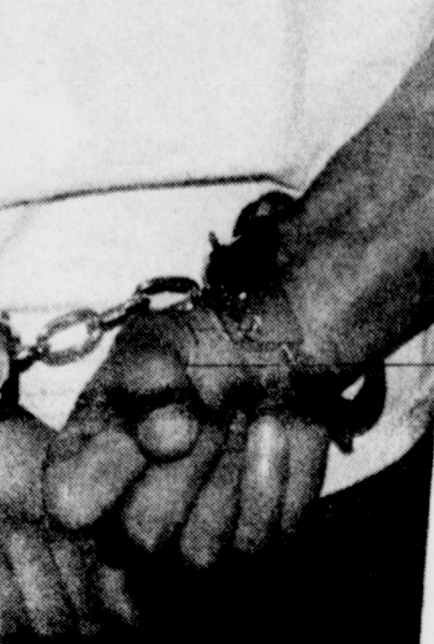
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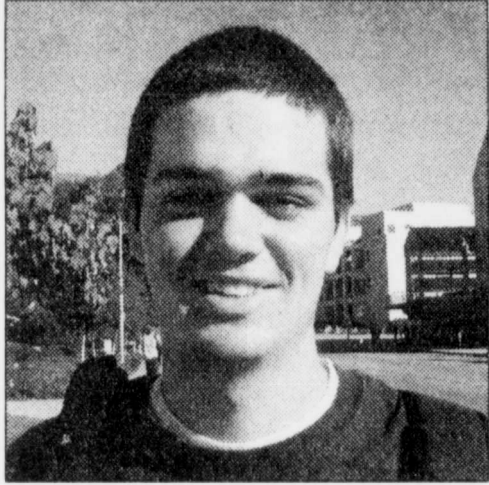
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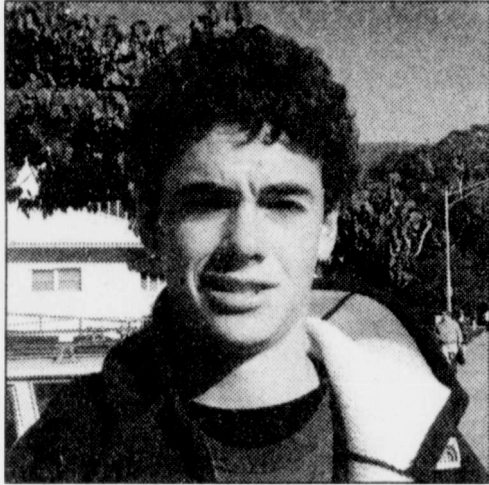
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-Chris Lee
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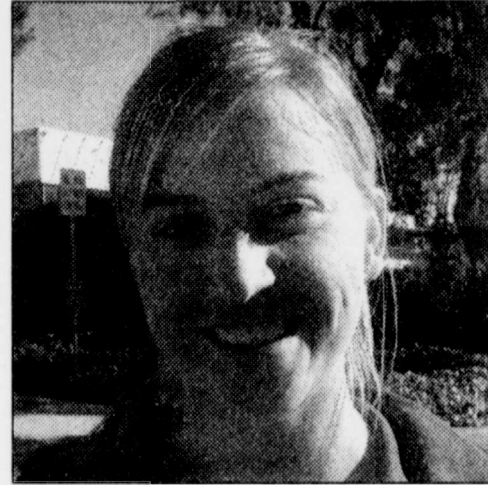
"Once my grandma gave my mom some earrings and then I gave them to a girl."

-Sam Weeks
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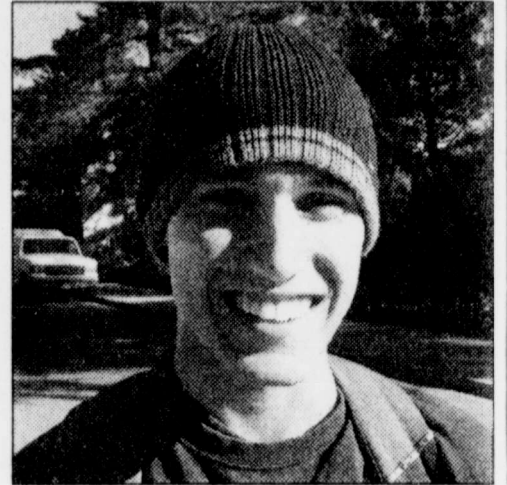
"No, I think it'd be lame if someone else re-gifted what I gave them. I just take it back if I don't want something."

-Jonathan Thomassian
computer science
sophomore



"I haven't. I usually like the gifts I get — or return them and get something I like."

-Carrie Bledsoe
agricultural science
senior



"If I don't like something I usually just stuff it in my closet. Or I'll give it to someone else, but not as a present."

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The 35-year-old rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, and two members of his entourage were arrested around 6 p.m. Tuesday after a search of his Diamond Bar home and car, Sgt. Kevin Grandalski said.

Grandalski said the rapper was arrested for investigation of being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm, possessing cocaine, transporting marijuana and having a false compartment in his vehicle.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The family of an 18-year-old inmate who hanged himself at a juvenile prison in Stockton last year has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the state.

The suit was filed Tuesday in federal court and contends that prison officials ignored Joseph Maldonado’s pleas for mental health treatment and obvious signs that he was attempting to kill himself.

The suit charges that corrections officials “failed miserably in their moral and legal duty to provide for the care and well-being of Maldonado, a ward of the state.”

National

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A lawyer the FBI wrongly arrested after the 2004 Madrid terrorist bombings because of a misidentified fingerprint has settled part of his lawsuit against the U.S. government for \$2 million.

Brandon Mayfield, who said he was detained for two weeks in 2004, maintained that he was arrested because of his Muslim faith.

“Not only does my detention as a material witness in the Madrid bombing underscore the fallacy that fingerprint identification is reliable, I hope the public will remember that the U.S. government also targeted me and my family because of our Muslim religion,” he said in a news release Wednesday.

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A fire at a fraternity house near the University of Missouri-St. Louis campus killed a student early Wednesday, less than two weeks after a fatal blaze at the home of a Nebraska fraternity.

Three students lived at the Pi Kappa Alpha house in St. Louis, and two got out when the fire broke out around 3:30 a.m., university spokesman Bob Samples said.

Police identified the victim as Brian Schlittler, 25, a senior from the St. Louis area.

“It’s a tragedy,” Samples said. “We want to find out how it happened and work from there.”

International

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — President Bush’s high-stakes summit with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was put off Wednesday amid political unrest in Baghdad and public disclosure of U.S. doubts about the Iraqi leader’s capacity to control sectarian warfare.

The White House said Bush and al-Maliki would meet on Thursday.

The postponement was announced shortly after Bush arrived here for talks with Jordan’s King Abdullah II and al-Maliki. Bush’s meeting and dinner with the king proceeded on schedule at Raghadan Palace.

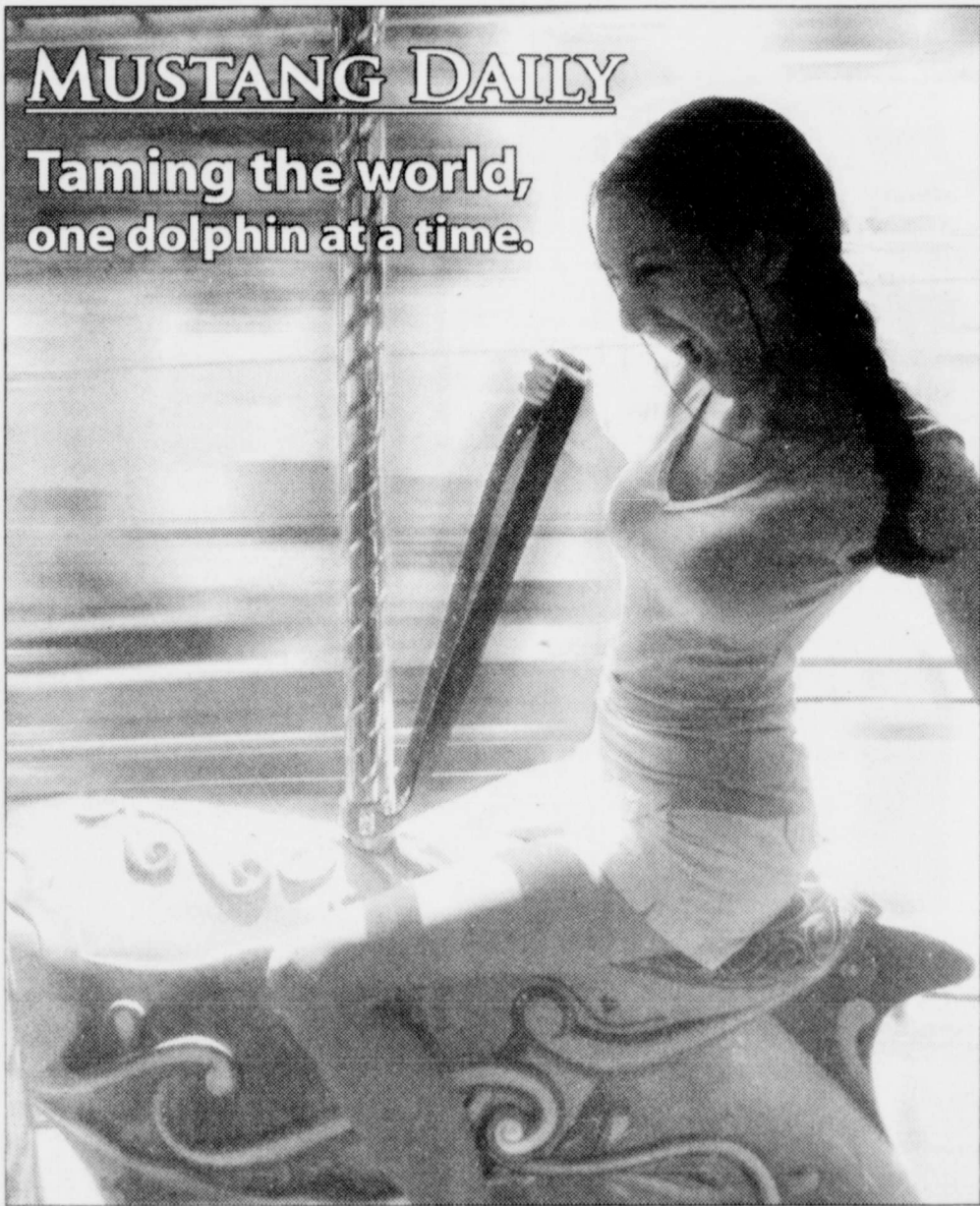
LONDON (AP) — Authorities found traces of radiation on two British Airways jetliners, and the airline appealed Wednesday to tens of thousands of passengers who flew the aircraft to or from Moscow to come forward as investigators widened the search for clues into the poisoning death of a former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko.

The airline said the “risk to public health is low,” adding that it was in the process of contacting tens of thousands of passengers who flew on the jets.

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Singer-songwriter Vienna Teng seeks balance in music and life

Kim Curtis
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — As the over-achieving eldest child of Taiwanese parents who both work in the high-tech industry, it was almost without saying that Vienna Teng would attend Stanford University, then take a job as a software engineer in Silicon Valley.

But she chucked it all, packed up her car and started traveling across country, singing her songs and playing piano in clubs and coffee shops. Even Teng was surprised when she started attracting a national spotlight, appearing on National Public Radio and the David Letterman show.

"I feel really lucky," she said during a recent interview. "I have a lot of friends who are still struggling."

On this foggy, cold and blustery day, Teng quickly ducks into the Bazaar Cafe, where she played her first public gig in 2001. None of the handful of people inside gives her a second glance. Bundled up in jeans, boots and a black corduroy jacket, she could be anyone in this largely Asian-American neighborhood.

But when the 28-year-old Teng, who started taking piano lessons before her fifth birthday, sits down at the faded, upright piano and plays, heads raise. She begins to sing and a few people recognize her. She earns a living as a songwriter, but doesn't yet seem entirely comfortable in the role.

She doesn't use her real name, Cynthia Shih, for example. She says she chose her moniker, Vienna Teng, as a preteen to pay homage to Mozart's hometown and her Chinese heritage. Now, she says, it's a good way to stay grounded.

"I like having a thing that keeps my personal and private self separate," she says. "It's like I'm in a band or I work for a company called Vienna Teng."

Chuck Fuery, her piano teacher from age nine through high school, said Vienna Teng was Shih's piano-playing, poetry-writing alter-ego.

"I think that's her shell," he says. "She has



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Singer-songwriter Vienna Teng, who started her career playing at the Bazaar Cafe on California Street, revisited the site Wednesday, Nov. 8, in San Francisco.

a vulnerability that's very beautiful and it comes out in her music."

There's also a disconnect between Teng, the woman, and Teng, the music.

She shows up for an interview casually dressed, with unstyled hair and no trace of makeup. "I'm a geek," she explains. "Clearly, I'm not someone particularly fashion-minded."

That nearly cost her. When she first sought a record deal, she heard from labels who immediately wanted her to develop "a look." She's since relented a bit, appearing on her second album in a pink ball gown. On her Web site and on her latest CD, she's wearing heavy eye makeup and her short hair is slightly fluffed.

Some fans have criticized the look, accusing her of selling out. Instead, Teng says she's simply trying to make her appearance more accurately mirror her music.

"It's a reflection of the conflict inside me," she says, in a voice much lower than her delicate singing voice. "I'm looking for an honest representation of the music. It's not particularly tomboyish or geeky."

Then there's the Asian-American factor — the Tori Amos-Fiona Apple-Sarah McLachlan genre is conspicuously Caucasian.

"I started out thinking it wasn't rele-

vant," she says of her ethnicity. "By the sheer nature of it being unusual, it got noticed. ... It feels like an unfair advantage, but it's an advantage I can't disavow."

But perhaps the most obvious dichotomy within Teng is that she's a left-brained perfectionist who was pre-med during her first two years at Stanford. She switched to computer science and snagged a lucrative job at Cisco, which helped her skip the struggling singer-songwriter phase of her career. When she quit Cisco in 2002, she had already landed a record deal.

Shortly after "Waking Hour" was released, Teng was profiled on NPR. Letterman heard the broadcast and invited her to his show, proclaiming, "I've heard the entire CD and there's not a dud on this."

That level of exposure allowed Teng the financial freedom to dedicate herself wholly to music and to hire producer Larry Klein for her latest release, "Dreaming Through the Noise." Klein, best known for his work with and marriage to folk icon Joni Mitchell, puts Teng's voice front and center.

Teng says her struggle for symmetry, in life and in music, is paramount.

"I'm a Libra," she says, pointing out her astrological symbol is a set of scales. "I feel like I always have to have a balance."

Jack Macpherson, co-founder of SoCal beach crew, dies at 69

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Jack Macpherson, who co-founded the party-loving Mac Meda Destruction Company crew immortalized in Tom Wolfe's book "The Pump House Gang," has died. He was 69.

Macpherson died of liver and kidney failure on Nov. 16 at a La Jolla hospital, his son, John Macpherson, told the Los Angeles Times.

"He definitely killed a few beers in his time," his son said. "He lived the old-school, '50s surfer life — the kegger parties that never really ended."

"Mac" Macpherson was never mentioned by name in Wolfe's 1960s magazine article about Southern California youth culture. However, Wolf did mention the Mac Meda Destruction Company in his chronicle about young surfers who hung out at the sewage pump house at Windansea Beach.

The Mac Meda Destruction Company was named for the antics of Mac and his friend, Bob "Meda" Rakestraw.

At parties, Rakestraw "wouldn't just walk into a house, he'd run through the door and jump out through a window," Macpherson told the La Jolla Light newspaper in a 2003 interview. "People would say, 'Here comes Mac and Meda. They're a walking destruction company.'"

Crew members wearing football helmets and wielding sledgehammers demolished condemned houses for fun and held wild parties.

Wolfe described the company as an "underground society" that "is mainly something to bug people with and organize huge beer orgies with."

The crew's logo was a mushroom cloud. Macpherson stenciled it on T-shirts and it began showing up on cars and windows around town.

Police suspected the youngsters were involved in some kind of dangerous gang.

"Back then," Macpherson told the surfing magazine Longboard, "the cops hated us so much that you could get arrested for walking down the street in a Mac Meda shirt."

Mac Meda shirts and car stickers still are produced in town.

John Duncan Macpherson was born in La Jolla. He grew up to become a local mailman, retired in 1991 and became a bartender at a Pacific Beach pub, London's West End, which features Mac Meda memorabilia.

He "spent his whole time around the beach area," his son said.

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A survival guide to drinking and how to avoid the slammer

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Under 21:

-Servers in California can be convicted of selling alcohol to a minor - even if the purchaser uses a false or altered ID to buy the alcohol.

-No one under the age of 21 is allowed to consume or possess alcohol.

-It is illegal to drive a motor vehicle with a BAC of .01 percent or more if you're under 21.

-A court may suspend the driving privilege of a person under 21, delay issuance of a license to a person who does not have a license, or require DMV to revoke a person's driving privilege for DUI violations.

-Anyone under the age of 21 who is convicted of operating a boat or motor vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of .01 percent or higher can lose his or her privilege of obtaining or keeping a driver's license.

-If you are under 21 years of age, you may not have beer, wine or liquor in your vehicle unless accompanied by a parent or other person specified by law. (There's an exception to this one. You may carry alcoholic beverages while working for someone with an off-site liquor sales license.)

-If you are caught with an alcoholic beverage in your vehicle, it may be impounded for up to 30 days. The court may fine you up to \$1,000 and either suspend your driving privilege for one year or require the DMV to delay the issuance of your first license for up to one year, if you are not already licensed.

-Those under 21 must submit to a preliminary alcohol screening (PAS) or one of the other chemical tests if you have been detained and a peace officer has reason to believe you were drinking. If your BAC measures .01 percent or higher on the PAS, the officer may take your license, issue you a temporary license for 30 days and/or give you an order of suspension for one year. The officer then determines whether to release you, turn you over to juvenile authorities or to contact your parents.

-Your driving privilege will be revoked for one year if you are

convicted of either driving with a BAC of .01 percent or higher or driving while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. On the first offense, you will be required to complete the educational portion of a licensed DUI program. A subsequent offense may require a longer DUI program.

Over 21:

-In California, it is illegal for anyone to operate a boat or motor vehicle with a BAC of 0.08 percent or higher.

Adults convicted of boating under the influence of alcohol or drugs will face the same penalties as if they were operating a motor vehicle under the influence. (Similar provisions apply when you operate any vessel, aquaplane, water skis, or similar devices.)

-California law is very strict about not carrying alcohol or drugs in a vehicle, whether the vehicle is on or off the highway. You must not drink any amount of alcohol in any vehicle.

-A BAC below legal limits does not mean that you are safe to drive. Almost all drivers show impairment by alcohol at levels lower than the legal limit. The impairment you exhibit at the time you are stopped may be enough to convict you of driving under the influence - even without a BAC measurement.

-A container of liquor, beer, or wine carried inside a vehicle must be full and unopened. Otherwise, it must be in the trunk or in a place where passengers do not sit. (In a

bus, taxi, camper or RV, this law does not apply to the non-driving passengers.)

-Keeping an opened alcoholic drink in the glove compartment is specifically against the law in California.

-It is illegal for any person to operate a vehicle requiring a commercial driver's license with a BAC of .04 percent or higher.

-If the DMV takes action against you, it is related only to your driving privilege. The court's actions may involve the payment of a fine, jail time, suspension or revocation of your driving privilege, and completion of a DUI program.

-When you drive in California, you consent to take a test of your breath, blood or urine if you are arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs or a combination of both.

-If your PAS shows a BAC of .05 percent or more, the officer may require you to submit to either a breath or blood test. Some PAS devices provide a record, which may be submitted in court as evidence.

-Other PAS devices do not provide a record, so the officer may ask for a breath or blood test after the PAS. You do not have a right to consult with a lawyer before selecting or completing a test.

-If the officer still believes you are under the influence of alcohol and drugs after a breath test or PAS, you may still be required to

submit to a blood or urine sample.

-If you refuse to submit to any of the tests, your driving privilege may be suspended even if you change your mind later and agree to a test.

Just so you know...

-It is a violation of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control Act for producers of alcoholic beverages to use the names of retailers or restaurants that sell or serve their products in advertisements. This includes newsletters.

-No alcohol beverages can be displayed within 5 feet of a cash register of any store in California that sells both alcohol and motor fuel.

Approximate costs you could pay for a DUI.

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Popera revamps classics

Amy Dierdorff
MUSTANG DAILY

Urban Dictionary defines "popera" as "a merging of the musical terms and styles of 'pop,' or popular music, and opera. A classical-crossover sound," according to its Web site.

Cal Poly's music department is bringing this unique musical style to audiences tonight with the premiere of "Popera at Poly," a special performance combining classical and popular music. Students will perform songs made popular by Andrea Bocelli, Josh Groban, Opera Babes and Il Divo at 7:30 p.m. in Spanos Theatre.

Music junior Richard Carrick, who will perform a song called, "You're Still You," describes popera as a "rock ballad with a classical tone."

"It's a lot more contemporary, a lot more free in the sense that you have more liberties with the pop style," Carrick said.

Twenty-eight Cal Poly music students will perform songs including "You Raise Me Up," "The Prayer," "Cinema Paradiso" and "Time to Say Goodbye."

Applied voice, diction and performance professor Jacalyn Kreitzer helped organize the event, and has 26 students performing in "Popera."

She says one of the elements that

makes the event so unique is the amount of male students that will be performing.

"We have a lot of wonderful men with beautiful voices, which is kind of rare," Kreitzer said.

She also believes "Popera" will be a special performance because students find the music less intimidating than most classical arrangements.

It really helps the students to draw upon their feelings for rock, pop or classical, but it's not so scary.

—Jacalyn Kreitzer

Applied voice, dictation and performance professor

"It really helps the students to draw upon their feelings for rock, pop or classical. It involves the same feelings as classical, but it's not so scary," Kreitzer said. "Popera is kind of a nice combination of singing beautifully without being so exact."

Applied voice professor Katherine Arthur has taught all of the performers and helped to organize the event. She said doing performances like "Popera" gives voice students the opportunity to step outside the classical genre.

"We like to give them chances to do things that are fun for them," Arthur said. "There are many different styles of singing, and we try to teach our students a bit of everything."

As part of a requirement for their performing class, music students are required to participate in a recital at the end of the quarter. When deciding on what kind of performance to put on this quarter, Arthur said the music department went to students for help.

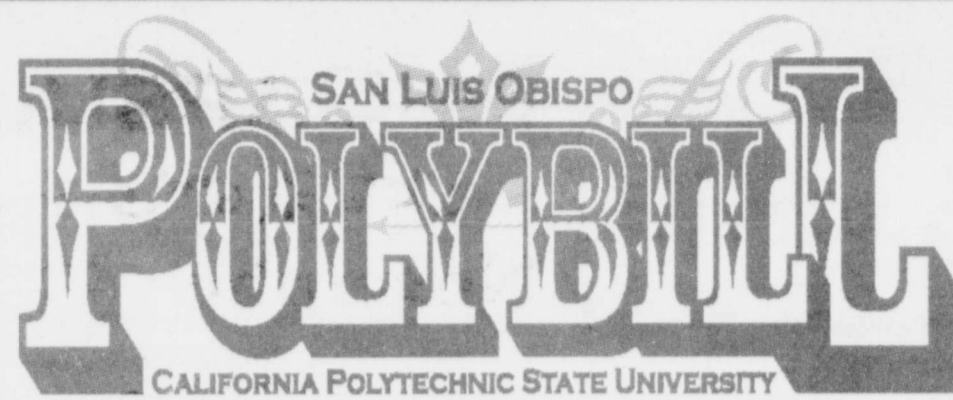
"We talked with the students. They seem to have loads of ideas and knowledge, especially about pop music," Arthur said.

Tickets for "Popera" are \$10 for general admission and \$6 for seniors and students. They can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., or over the

phone by calling SLO-ARTS (756-2787).

A 10 percent discount on admission price will be given to patrons who have attended four or more events hosted by the music department.

Proceeds from the event support traveling costs for the choir and contribute to local scholarships. The event is sponsored by Cal Poly's music department, College of Liberal Arts, and Instructionally Related Activities Program.



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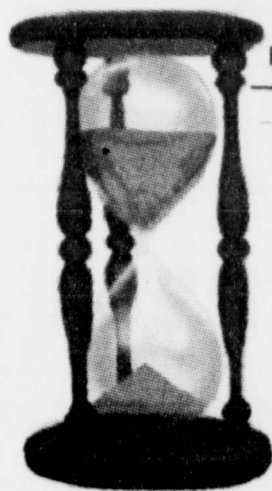
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Incubus reinvents itself with 'Grenades'

Candace Parker

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Incubus released their sixth album Tuesday, and the two year wait was worth every moment. On this 13-track disc, the band has not evolved, but completely transformed.

Incubus, the rock quartet from Los Angeles, consists of lead vocalist Brandon Boyd, guitarist/pianist Mike Einziger, sampler Chris Kilmore, drummer Jose Pasillas and bassist Ben Kenney.

"Light Grenades," the follow up to 2004's "A Crow Left of the Murder," far exceeds their previous musical endeavors and strays away from the experimental style that the band exudes. Simply put, this is a rock 'n' roll record.

Their first four albums ("Enjoy Incubus," "Fungus Among Us," "S.C.I.E.N.C.E" and "Make Yourself") all had similar elements, of which some still exist. Instead of hearing floating guitar notes and

sounds reminiscent of bands from the late '70s, riffs that could be mistaken for those of Audioslave can be heard. However, they have not completely abandoned their trippy roots.

With plenty of distortion, heavy riffs lead into the title track. This upbeat tune almost sounds like a protest backed by a scorching hot rock soundtrack. However, it is the wildly successful and wisely chosen single, "Anna Molly," which is track four on the album, that stands out most. This song is reminiscent of Rage Against the Machine without the rapping and screaming, which is definitely a good thing.

This record is full of songs that may remind listeners of other rock greats. But aside from "Anna Molly," track five "Love Hurts" sounds like it could be their next big single. This semi-pop guitar melody is full of harmonious guitars and effects one would expect to find on a Beatles single. But with lyrics and hooks as catchy as those in this tune, it's sure

to be a hit.

Track two, "A Kiss To Send Us Off," is a hidden gem. At first listen, it wasn't nearly as striking and attention-grabbing as the second time I gave it a spin. Now, I'm easily convinced that it is one of, if not the, best tracks on the entire album.

In addition to those two tracks, "Earth to Bella (Part I)" and "Earth to Bella (Part II)" are two very interesting components on this album. The two are extremely similar, for obvious reasons. So similar that the differences in the two songs may not even be discernible to some. Just listen carefully, though, and



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Incubus' new CD "Light Grenades" is a follow up to their 2004 album, "A Crow Left of the Murder." The album was released in stores on Tuesday.

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With that said, overall, "Light Grenades" is an amazing album, and

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Nightclubs offer life lessons with a twist

I've climbed the Eiffel Tower, the Sagrada Familia and the Vatican. I've seen the David, the Anne Frank house and the Budapest baths. I've perused museums in Vienna, Madrid and Florence. And all of these experiences have been inconceivable, to say the least. Although, I must say, nothing has taught me as much in my study abroad experience as the European nightlife.

What comes to mind when you think of the after-dark scene in Europe? If you picture five-story clubs, crazy pubs and a multitude of young foreigners, then you are, in fact, correct. And yes, these images of European nightlife are what I am referring to.

But it's not through getting intoxicated and dancing around where I have learned so much about myself — although yes, this has been known to happen on occasion. However, I have found that using nightlife as a gateway to hold conversation with people from all over the world is what I believe to be the best cultural lesson one can receive.

At a party in Copenhagen, I learned how completely different the Danish political system is compared to America's. A Dane told me how he was so taken aback by the major American cities he had visit-

ed because the gap between the rich and the poor appeared to be so extreme. The Scandinavian welfare system taxes the Danish on over half the money they earn, but in return, the Danes receive multiple benefits. For example, free healthcare, free emergency assistance, and my personal favorite — they are actually paid to receive not only high school, but college instruction.

Maybe this is why so many of the Danes I met were so intellectual and cultured? Most seemed to know more about United States politics than the majority of Americans I know. It certainly does make sense to have education so

easily accessible.

An Australian I befriended at a club shocked me when he admitted to being racist. I have met many narrow-minded people in my life, but I can honestly say he was the first person who openly stated to me that he had trouble trusting non-Caucasians. As I began to verbally attack him, he made a valid point. Australia is predominately full of Anglo-Saxon Christians. While growing up he had never been surrounded by the multi-racial communities of the United States, or received the liberal California upbringing that I had. His arguments helped me to understand how it

must be to live in a country where everyone looks just like you, and the ways in which this can greatly affect one's world view.

A few weeks ago I met a couple of "blokes" from Dublin in a bar. They informed me that I didn't know as much about my heritage as I would like to have thought. Apparently, the American way of pronouncing my Irish last name, Mahoney, is completely butchered. I found it unfortunate when they laughed in my face as I introduced myself as Megan Mahoney in my "American accent," and was then told that I was in fact saying something very vulgar that I choose not to repeat in this article. Good to know.

These tales from my abroad nightlife experience are attempting to prove the point that the party-girl image I left behind at Cal Poly is in actuality benefiting me in my travels. Living in the exciting European capital city of Prague has allowed me to gain tremendous cultural knowledge through meeting diverse, interesting and informative strangers at bars, pubs and clubs. And have no fear, because I take full advantage of this educational opportunity nearly seven days a week. To this I have one thing to say: *na zdрави!* Better known as "cheers" in the Czech language.

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Finding home, comfort in a family of strangers

Maria del Mar, with her Nanny McPhee-esque appearance, ability to spoil the heck out of me, and amazing cooking skills, is the perfect Spanish señora. Unlike many people studying abroad (those who came to Europe with a 'screw school and staying in Barcelona, I just want to travel' attitude), I came to Spain mostly to live.

Thankfully, this surrogate mother has made living in Barcelona an amazing experience, and, in the process, has established herself (unbeknownst to her, I'm sure) as one of my favorite things about Spain.

Basically, in the (slightly altered) words of Robert Fulghum, "All I ever really need to know about (Barcelona) I've learned from my (señora)." Most of what I really need to know about how to live the Spanish life, and what to do, and how to be, I learned from her.

I've learned that **patience really is a virtue**. Probably one of the most frustrating things about living overseas is the ever-present language barrier. An example of this: About a month ago, I went to the post office to buy some envelopes and stamps. Unfortunately, I couldn't remember the word for envelope, *sobre*. So instead I stood at the *correos* counter attempting in roundabout terms (complete with hand

motions, I might add) to describe what I wanted. The worker just stared at me and said, in English, "Stamps?" Uh, no...

It's annoying to be in a country where I can speak the language, *más o menos*, only to be met with blank stares or responses in English worse than my Spanish. (This doesn't happen all the time, but it has happened enough.) I've learned to keep in mind, though, that some people simply want to practice their English, and others just see me as yet another non-Spanish-speaking American tourist.

And then there's Maria del Mar. Without her, I don't think my Spanish (or confidence in speaking

the language) would have improved as much as it has. She realizes that I want to learn more, to improve my Spanish, and she is willing to patiently sit by and help me.

And so is kindness: Since coming to Barcelona, I have not cooked (except for when Maria del Mar taught me how to make *crema catalana*, my favorite dessert), cleaned, or done laundry (as a note, she irons all of our clothes). When most of our friends went to Munich for Oktoberfest, she bought us German beer to have with dinner. And when my roommate mentioned that she was only going to eat bread and cheese while traveling in Switzerland, our señora bought her

sausages and cookies as a surprise present. I feel like a part of her life, but also like an honored guest.

Catalunyan are not as closed off as they seem: Before coming to Catalunya, the Spanish autonomous region of which Barcelona is the capital city, I had read that, especially in comparison with the rest of Spain, its people were reserved and shy. Now that I am here, I have found that this couldn't be further from the truth.

But, Catalunyan also have a reputation for being friendly after the proverbial ice has been broken, and my señora is a prime example of this. I love hearing stories about her life, and she loves having two silly American girls living with her. I have overheard her multiple times telling friends about our travels, our encounters with the nightlife, and her personal favorite, our friends' love lives. One friend in particular had a month-long relationship with a Spaniard, and our señora waited anxiously every evening to hear more of the juicy details surrounding their romance. It was like a real-life novella, and she loved it.

They say that the people you spend your time with can either make or break an experience. And that has certainly been the case in Barcelona. I was looking forward to living with a family before coming here, and luckily, my expectations have been far exceeded. ¡Me encanta Maria del Mar!

Traveler Checks

Cal Poly Students Around the Globe

NAME:

Janelle Eastridge

MAJOR:

Journalism

COUNTRY:

Spain



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No difference between gay sin and straight sin

Patrick Molnar, thank you for your bold willingness to tackle a very controversial issue in our society. More people need to have the courage to tackle issues like homosexuality. I do, however, disagree with your conclusion.

First, the Bible makes it plainly clear that there is no difference between heterosexual sin and homosexual sin. What science proves or disproves about sexual preference has very little to do with the topic in question: Regardless of our natural inclinations, we still make the choice to act on those impulses.

I am no less of a sinner in my heterosexual sin than one who is committing

homosexual sin; the eternal consequences are the same.

Somewhere in this world there is a person whose natural inclination (by chemical imbalance from birth) is to be destructive and murderous, but you would not claim that someone is intolerant by helping that person to choose to not murder and destroy. As for "What would Jesus do?" he would eat with homosexuals just as quickly as he would eat with tax collectors. But he would never condone their sin. Jesus loves each of us enough to reveal our sin to us so that we can change our lives.

The church has hurt many people in the name of Jesus, and as you pointed out, has been radically unfair in the way it treats homosexuals. We have sinned against the gay community, and for that, we ask your forgiveness. Just please, don't interpret my intolerance of the sin as a lack of love for the sinner.

Zach Wise

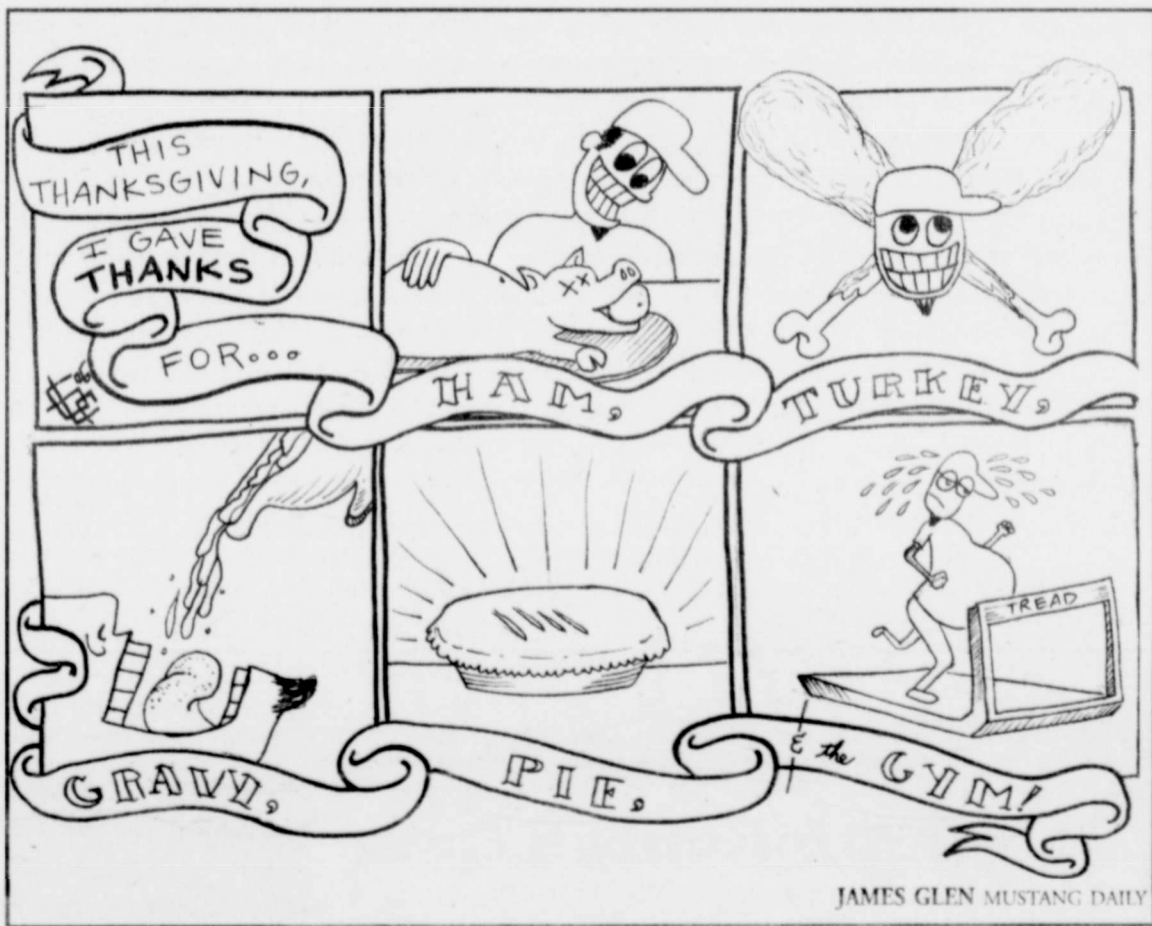
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Condoms, cocaine and convicts

"Father of slain groom speaks out." "Republicans want vote on abortion pill." "Break from medications dangerous."

These are just a few of the headlines that graced the pages of Yahoo! News yesterday showing that sex, drugs and violence really do dominate the news. And not because we live in a world plagued by promiscuity, illegal substances and cruelty but because that is what people want to read.

The Mustang Daily Web site received more than 300 hits when a student was hit by a train and more than 200 hits when porn star Ron Jeremy came to campus to debate. The number of hits for the poetry writing professor and Poly Rep with passion pale in comparison to the stories about sex, drugs and violence.

Many complain about all the negative headlines scattered across front

pages and television stations every day but they don't realize that they are the ones showing editors what interests them.

Journalists report the news for the reader and when the reader wants death and destruction, news organizations often give it to them.

Have you ever flipped past CNN, Fox News or MSNBC during prime time hours? It's never a straight news report, but rather Nancy Grace or Bill O'Reilly yelling at people (or interviewing as they call it) about crime, threats to

society and sex scandals. Cable news stations know that's when they can pull in the most viewers with flashy topics.

What does it say about society when people pass over the do-gooders and skip straight to the drug addict who shot his girlfriend?

people pass over the law-abiding do-gooders and skip straight to the drug addict who shot his girlfriend? The Mustang Daily editors are curiously

STAFF COMMENTARY

Creative arts classes lack hands-on learning

At Cal Poly you can get credit for driving tractors, making stickers, butchering hog carcasses, sleeping in homeless shelters and even writing newspapers. This truly is a "Learn By Doing" institution.

Except when it comes to the fine and performing arts.

I remember when I came to Open House during my senior year of high school. I was so excited to be able to sit in on a theater class. Drama at my high school was a very experiential subject with performances nearly every week. For me it was wonderful because I love the theater: costumes, makeup, set design, and most of all, acting.

But I found none of that in the Theatre History class I sat in that day. In fact, I left early because the lecture was boring.

All of the theater and dance general education courses this school has to offer are composed of nothing more than four lectures. It's the same for a number of arts classes. How can a class on dance appreciation, or introduction to theatre be taught without any hands-on experience involved? Shouldn't the word "performing" make it obvious that there should be an activity component?

I know we are only talking about general education, but I still argue that there should be less lecture and more activity in fine and performing arts courses. I had to suffer through a three-hour, hands-on biology lab, so I think the less artistically inclined can stand to dabble in a bit in creativity.

Even when arts classes do involve the "doing" part of our motto, any creativity is bound up by rigor and rules. My roommate, for example, is taking creative writing, which involves research and forced epiphanies. What was that line from "Dead Poets Society?" "We're not laying pipe! We're talking about poetry." How can anything be creative when it is smothered by rules? I understand that structure is a good foundation, and that sometimes you do have to know the rules before you break them. However, most people will never break them unless encouraged. They'll spend their entire lives without true freedom of expression. I say long live creative anarchy.

Now, if I care so much about the arts, maybe I'm at the wrong school. This is California PolyTECHNIC State University after all. But that name dates back to 1901. Things change. And as college-bound high school students, we were expected to be well-rounded with musical, theatrical, athletic and philanthropic talents abounding. Shouldn't colleges be well-rounded too?

I know some professors understand the very nature of art enough to realize what the catalogue's course description is missing. They have taken the trouble of adding participatory elements to their arts classes and I applaud them. But my point is that it should be an inherent part of the curriculum.

We pride ourselves on being a school that gets away from stale theories about how the world works, and on being a school that actually explores the world in all of its workings. But art seems to get the burden of being strictly by the books. Art is an interaction, an experience, an extension of its creator. Of all the academic areas to focus solely on theory, I think art is the worst choice.

Lauren Zahner is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Columnist Lineup

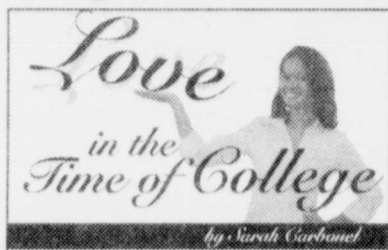
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Liberal-Patrick Molnar



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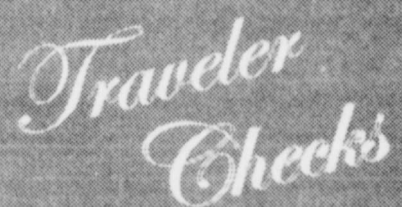


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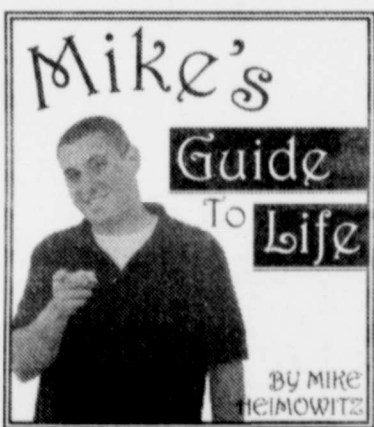


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FRIDAY

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by Daniella Orihuela-Gruber

Staff editorials reflect the opinion of the Mustang Daily.

Supreme Court takes up global warming for first time

Mark Sherman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court stepped gingerly into the national debate over global warming on Nov. 29, asking how much harm would occur if the Environmental Protection Agency continues its refusal to regulate greenhouse gases from new vehicles.

In the first case about global warming to reach the high court, a lawyer for 12 states and 13 environmental groups pressed the justices to make the government act, saying the country faces grave environmental harm.

Inaction is like lighting "a fuse on a bomb," said James Milkey, an assistant attorney general for the state of Massachusetts.

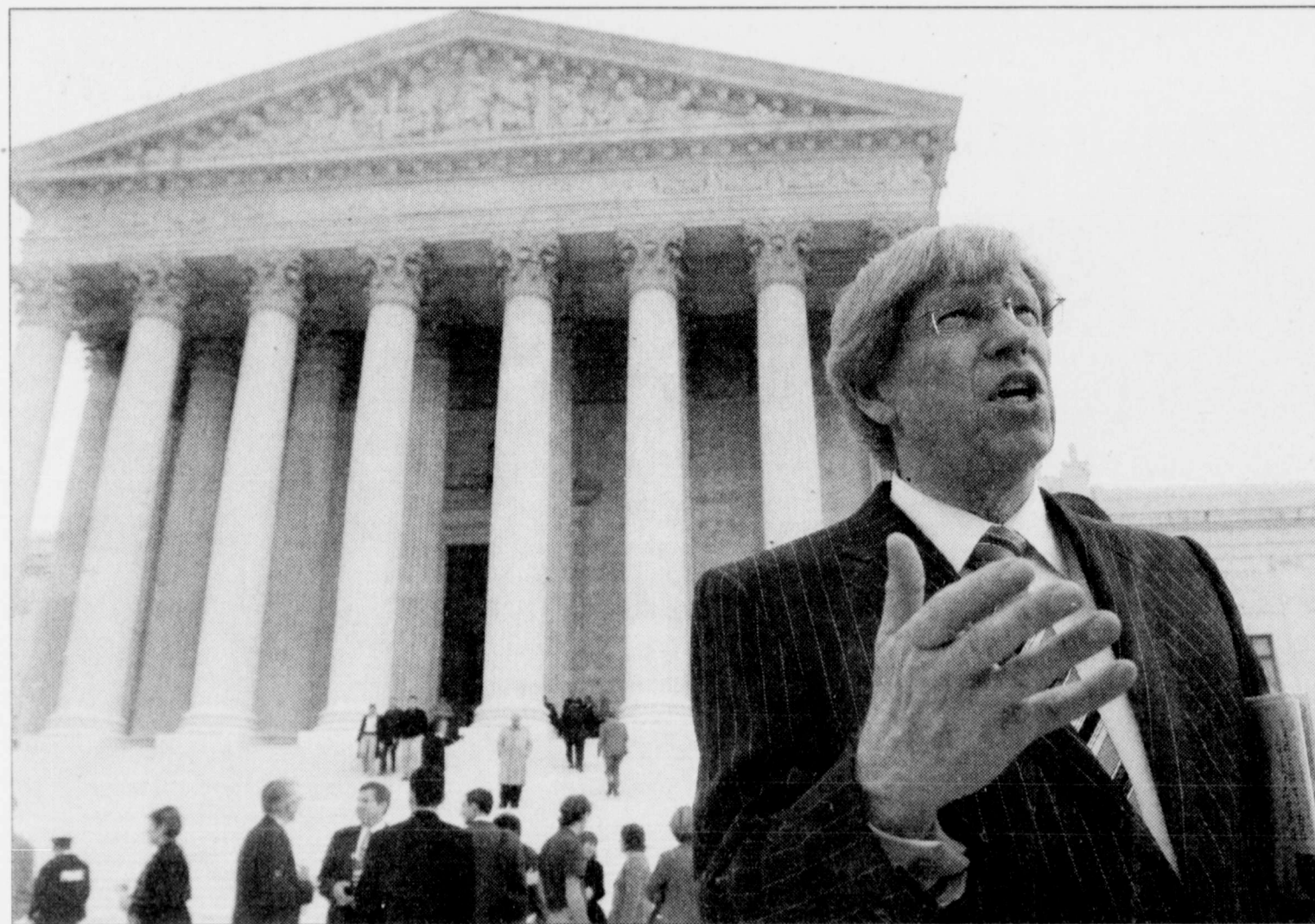
Opening up an hour of arguments, Justice Antonin Scalia asked, "When is the predicted cataclysm?"

It's not cataclysmic, but rather "ongoing harm," Milkey replied.

Deputy Solicitor General Gregory Garre, representing the Bush administration, cautioned justices that EPA regulation could have a significant economic impact on the United States since 85 percent of the U.S. economy is tied to sources of greenhouse gas emissions.

Garre also argued that EPA was right not to act given "the substantial scientific uncertainty surrounding global climate change."

Chief Justice John Roberts pointed out that regulating carbon dioxide emissions from new vehicles



Former Solicitor General Theodore Olson speaks to reporters outside the Supreme Court in Washington, Wednesday, after a hearing regarding the EPA and greenhouse gases.

addresses just one aspect of an issue of global dimensions.

The argument by those pushing for EPA action on vehicle emissions might or might not be valid, but it "assumes everything else is going to remain constant," Roberts observed.

Several justices questioned whether the states and environmen-

tal groups have met their legal burden to show they will be harmed by continued EPA inaction. Petitioners to courts must meet that threshold before the merits of a case may be addressed.

"We own property, 200 miles of coastline, that we're losing," Milkey said, trying to allay justices' concerns.

But Justice Samuel Alito, who with Roberts seemed most skeptical of the states' position, said that even in the best of circumstances, the reduction in greenhouse gases would be relatively small.

Milkey replied that even small reductions would be meaningful, pointing out that very small rises in the sea level would inundate significant portions of low-lying coastal

land.

The Bush administration argued in court papers that the EPA lacks the power to regulate carbon dioxide as a pollutant under the Clean Air Act. Even if it had such authority, the EPA still would not use it at this point because of uncertainty surrounding the issue of global warming, the administration said.

Global climate change is "a controversial phenomenon that is far from fully understood or defined," trade associations for car and truck makers and automobile dealers said in a court filing signed by former Solicitors General Theodore Olson and Kenneth Starr. They backed the administration position.

Twelve states, mainly along the nation's Atlantic and Pacific coasts,

three cities, a U.S. territory and 13 environmental groups are arguing that the EPA ignored the clear language of the Clean Air Act. Under the 1970 law, carbon dioxide is an air pollutant that threatens public health and the EPA must regulate it, they said.

Michigan, home of the U.S. auto industry, and eight other states are backing the EPA.

Carbon dioxide is produced when fossil fuels such as oil and natural gas are burned. It is the principal "greenhouse" gas that many scientists believe is flowing into the atmosphere at an unprecedented rate, leading to a warming of the Earth and widespread ecological changes. One way to reduce those emissions is to have more fuel-efficient cars.

A federal appeals court in Washington, in a fractured decision in 2005, upheld the administration's position. The Supreme Court is expected to rule before July 2007.

A separate case involving the EPA's claim that the Clean Air Act similarly does not give it authority to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from power plants also is making its way through the federal courts.

Together, U.S. power plants and vehicles account for 15 percent of the world output of greenhouse gases, said David Doniger, counsel for the Natural Resources Defense Council, an environmental group involved in the Supreme Court case.

An association of electric utilities, the Utility Air Regulatory Group, opposes greenhouse gas regulation. But two individual power companies, Calpine Corp. and Entergy Corp., are on the other side.

Entergy said it has to be able to make plans 25 years in advance and that the EPA's current rules will not "stand the test of time."

The case is Massachusetts v. Environmental Protection Agency, 05-1120.

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Pope offers message of strength to Christian minorities in Turkey

Brian Murphy
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Pope Benedict XVI began his pilgrimage among Turkey's tiny Christian communities Nov. 29 by paying homage to an Italian priest slain during Islamic protests and expressing sympathy for the pressures facing religious minorities in the Muslim world.

The messages — made at one of the holiest Christian sites in Turkey — could set the tone for the remainder of Benedict's first papal trip to a Muslim nation as he tries to strengthen bonds with the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians.

The pope is expected to sharpen his calls for what the Vatican calls "reciprocity" — that Muslim demands for greater respect in the West must be matched by increased tolerance and freedom for Christians in Islamic nations.

But too much pressure by the Roman Catholic pontiff could risk new friction with Muslims after broad gestures of goodwill in the opening hours of the trip Tuesday that sought to ease simmering Muslim anger over the pope's remarks on violence and the Prophet Muhammad.

A statement claiming to be from al-Qaida in Iraq denounced the pope's visit as part of a "crusader campaign" against Islam and an attempt to "extinguish the burning ember of Islam" in Turkey. Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi said the declaration — posted on several Islamic militant Web sites — shows the need for faiths to fight "violence in the name of God."

He said "neither the pope nor his entourage are worried."

Still, Turkish authorities took massive security precautions for the Istanbul stop, with thousands of police on the street and roads cleared of all traffic for the papal motorcade.

The pope's deepening ties with Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I — called the "first among equals" of the Orthodox leaders — also is watched with suspicion in Turkey as a possible challenge to state-imposed limits on Christian minorities and others. Benedict has declared a "fundamental" commitment to try to

heal rifts between the two ancient branches of Christianity, which split nearly 1,000 years ago over disputes including papal authority.

At Bartholomew's walled compound in Istanbul, the pope stood amid black-robed Orthodox clerics and urged both sides "to work for full unity of Catholics and Orthodox."

The pope began the day at the ruins of a small stone home at the end of a dirt road near the Aegean Sea — the site where the Virgin Mary is thought to have spent her last years.

At an outdoor Mass attended by 250 invited guests, the pope noted the challenges facing the "little flock" of Christians in Turkey.

"I have wanted to convey my personal love and spiritual closeness, together with that of the universal church, to the Christian community here in Turkey, a small minority which faces many challenges and difficulties daily," the pope said.

At times, he smiled and showed flashes of the pastoral flair of his predecessor, John Paul II, in one of the most intimate papal gatherings since John Paul's trip to remote Mount Sinai during a trip to Egypt in 2000.

Benedict went on to honor the memory of a Catholic priest who was slain in Turkey amid Muslim anger over the publication in European newspapers of caricatures of Muhammad.

"Let us sing joyfully, even when we're tested by difficulties and dangers as we have learned from the fine witness given by the Rev. Andrea Santoro, whom I am pleased to recall in this celebration," said Benedict, who later walked amid the crowd as they reached to touch his gold-and-white robes and cried "Viva il Papa" and "Benedetto," his name in Italian.

In February, a Turkish teenager shot the Italian priest as he knelt in prayer in his church in the Black Sea port of Trabzon. The attack was believed to have been linked to outrage over the cartoons. Two other Catholic priests were attacked this year in Turkey, where Christians have often complained of discrimination and persecution.

On Tuesday, the pope urged religious leaders of all faiths to "utterly refuse" to support any form of violence in the name of faith. He also

said religious freedom was an essential element of democratic values.

He sought a careful balance as he held out a hand of friendship and brotherhood to Muslims, and expressed support for measures that Turkey has taken in its campaign to join the European Union.

But winning over Turkish sentiments may be easy compared with the complexities ahead.

The legacy of Christianity in Turkey is a tangle of historical and religious sensitivities.

Turkish armies captured the Byzantine capital Constantinople — now Istanbul — in 1453 to begin a steady decline for Christians, who had maintained communities in Asia Minor since the time of the Apostles.

As the Ottoman Empire collapsed in the early 20th century, large numbers of Armenian Christians perished in mass expulsions and fighting. Turkey vehemently denies that it committed genocide against Armenians, though many nations have classified the World War I-era killings as such.

Later, in the 1920s, Turkey and Greece carried out a massive population exchange under the treaty that established modern Turkey, with hundreds of thousands of Greek Orthodox sent to Greece and smaller numbers of Muslims going the other way.

Bartholomew heads the remnants of the Greek community in Istanbul that now number no more than 2,000 among about 90,000 Christians in Turkey.

But they still represent a powerful symbolic presence for the world's more than 250 million Orthodox, which often denounce Turkey for placing obstacles in the way of Bartholomew and his clerics.

Turkey refuses to acknowledge the "ecumenical," or universal, title of the patriarch and instead considers him only the head of the local Greek Orthodox community. The Turkish worry is that granting wider status to the patriarch could undermine the idea of a single Turkish nationality — a pillar of the nation's secular system — and inspire demands for special recognition by minorities including Kurds and Muslim groups such as Sufis and Alevis, considered a branch of Shiite Islam.

Iranian president urges Americans to demand withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq

Edith M. Lederer
ASSOCIATED PRESS

UNITED NATIONS — Iran's president urged the American people in an open letter Nov. 29 to demand the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq and reject the Bush administration's policies in the war on terrorism.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also appealed directly to the new Democratic-controlled Congress, saying the American people "showed their discontent" with President Bush's policies in the recent midterm elections and it was up to lawmakers to change course.

"I hope that in the wake of the midterm elections, the administration of President Bush will have heard and will heed the message of the American people," Ahmadinejad wrote.

"But if the approach remains the same, it would not be unexpected that the American people would similarly reject the new electoral winners, although the recent elections, rather than reflecting a victory, in reality point to the failure of the current administration's policies," he warned.

Ahmadinejad's letter to "Noble Americans," which was distributed by Iran's mission to the United Nations, also said that the U.S. invasion of Iraq had led to hundreds of thousands of deaths, an exponential growth of terrorism and the destruction of Iraq's infrastructure.

"I consider it extremely unlikely that you, the American people, consent to the billions of dollars of annual expenditure from your treasury for this military misadventure," he said.

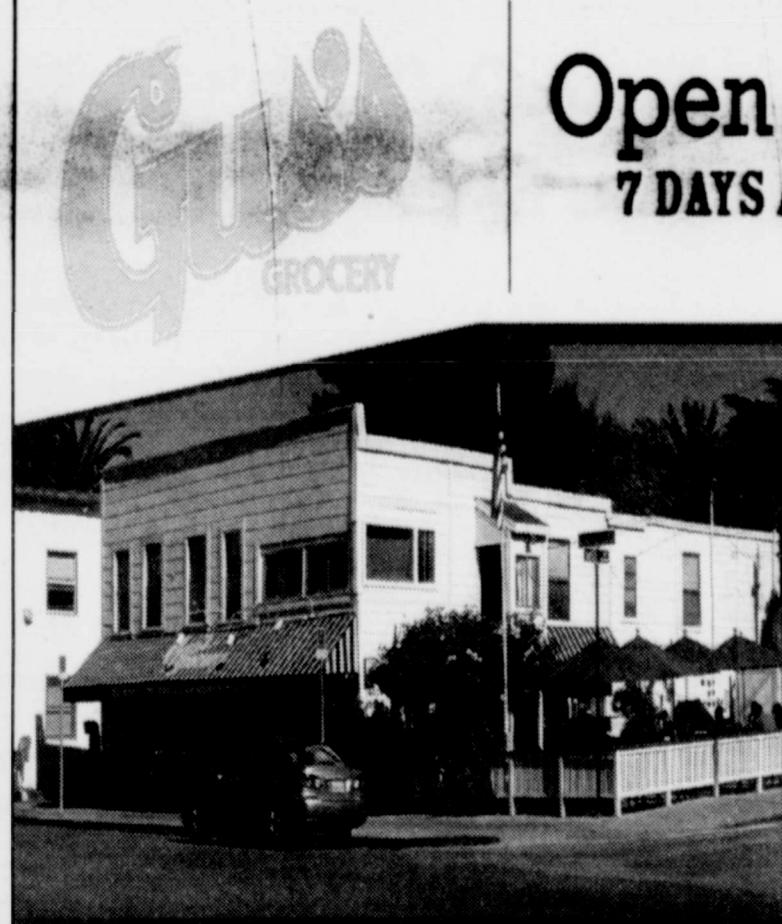
He suggested that it would be beneficial for the U.S. to withdraw its troops from the country and spend its money instead on domestic problems, citing the "many victims" of Hurricane Katrina who continue to suffer.

The letter makes no mention of Iran's disputed nuclear program, which the U.S. alleges is geared toward secretly developing atomic weapons.

Ahmadinejad wrote a rambling, 18-page letter to Bush in May, which Washington criticized for also not addressing Iran's nuclear program. The U.S. is leading the drive to impose U.N. sanctions on Tehran for its refusal to stop enriching uranium.

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1. Ryan Chartrand, Online Editor (14-4, -9)	Bengals	Cowboys	Broncos	Rutgers	Oklahoma	Arkansas	20-17
2. Devan McClaine, Reporter (13-5, -34)	Ravens	Cowboys	Broncos	West Virginia	Oklahoma	Florida	27-13
3. George Ramos, Adviser (12-6, -23)	Bengals	Giants	Seahawks	West Virginia	Oklahoma	Florida	27-21
4. Sara Hamilton, Reporter (11-7, -15)	Ravens	Cowboys	Seahawks	West Virginia	Nebraska	Florida	24-21
5. Paul Bittick, General Manager (11-7, -16)	Bengals	Cowboys	Broncos	West Virginia	Oklahoma	Arkansas	31-25
6. Kathrene Tiffin, Spotlight Editor (11-7, -21)	Bengals	Cowboys	Broncos	West Virginia	Nebraska	Florida	27-23
7. Tristan Aird, Sports Editor (10-8, -26)	Ravens	Cowboys	Seahawks	West Virginia	Oklahoma	Florida	28-24
8. John Middlekauff, Guest Columnist (6-6, -13)	Bengals	Cowboys	Broncos	West Virginia	Nebraska	Arkansas	35-24
9. Frank Stranzl, Assistant Sports Editor (9-9, -19)	Ravens	Giants	Broncos	West Virginia	Nebraska	Florida	35-17
10. Amy Dierdorff, Reporter (8-10, -14)	Ravens	Cowboys	Broncos	Rutgers	Oklahoma	Florida	21-14

UNC men's hoops uses 17-2 run to upset Ohio St., 98-89

Sophomore post player Tyler Hansbrough had 21 points, 14 rebounds and two blocked shots for the Tar Heels.

Jim O'Connell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tyler Hansbrough started and ended North Carolina's game-breaking 17-2 run in the second half and the seventh-ranked Tar

Heels went on to a 98-89 victory over No. 3 Ohio State on Wednesday night in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

In a game featuring two of the country's top freshmen classes — with Greg Oden, the best of the bunch, sitting on the Ohio State bench in street clothes with a towel around his neck — Hansbrough, a preseason All-America as a sophomore, took over down low.

OMISSION

Cal Poly senior outside linebacker Justen Peek received first-team All-Great West Football Conference honors Tuesday. His name was omitted from a story in Wednesday's Mustang Daily.

Johnny

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The two-time MVP loves playing the game more than any athlete on any level, at any sport.

Most people in this life never have the opportunity to do what they truly love for a living. Not Favre. He has been living his dream ever since he was a boy growing up in Mississippi. At age 37, he represents the greatest game in the world with more class and dignity than any other player in the league.

You will never pick up the morning paper and see Favre on the front cover for beating his wife or being arrested at 2 a.m. at the local strip club like so many others in pro sports. He's the first one in the office, and the last one to leave. That's the way he has always approached this game he loves so much.

For those who say he can't play, his

name still sits in all the top-10 categories for all the major statistics for a quarterback. He plays with a bunch of backups who probably don't deserve to be starting in the NFL.

But when they play with Favre, he gives them everything he has and raises their level of play to levels no one can even fathom. Some may call him an out-of-control gunslinger who has no regard for opposing defenses, but if you watch his receivers closely, they are rarely open and Favre is forced to make things happen. All he wants to do is win.

People should be grateful they get to watch such a legend play every Sunday. Favre has thrown 410 touchdowns in his career, but still celebrates each as if it's his first. He has started 251 straight games for the Packers.

Even after being hit in the elbow the week before and losing all feeling in his non-throwing hand, Favre

refused to miss a Monday night game the following week. That's just pure heart.

Favre is the Cal Ripken Jr. of his sport, but yet so much more.

He is what you call a once-in-a-generation type of player. They make everyone around them better and remind others of why this game is so much fun.

This is a game in which such a small percentage of people can play in the first place, let alone at the professional level. Even at age 37, he is still one of the most entertaining players to watch and constantly reminds fans how lucky we are to still be able to watch him play. I've never met a fan, regardless of the team they rooted for, who didn't love Favre.

He just keeps on playing and those doors in Canton, Ohio, will be wide open when he's all done. Because when it comes to Favre, winning isn't everything, it's the only thing.



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Basketball

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four-point lead with 3:46 to play, Mimnaugh said the fatiguing effects of applying a full-court press

throughout the game took a toll on her team's decision-making and energy, especially when it came to rebounding. "There were too many offensive rebounds," Mimnaugh said. "If there's one thing to improve upon in

crunch time, it is to make contact every time. Many times we go straight to the ball instead of boxing out. That's a habit we have to develop."

Both teams finished nearly identi-

cal in rebounding, 39-38 in favor of Cal Poly.

For the game, LMU shot slightly better than Cal Poly, 43 percent compared to 40 percent, but the Mustangs shot the ball 11 more times.

LMU shot twice as many free throws in the game and held a seven-point advantage in that category.

Cal Poly went on a 9-4 run and cut its deficit to 32-29 to end the first half after Eggleston put back a missed

free throw and Howell stole the ball with 10 seconds to play.

Cal Poly junior guard Toni Newman grabbed a game-high nine rebounds to go along with 10 points. Jennifer Hall led LMU with 18 points and four boards.

It was the Mustangs' first home loss of the season. Earlier this season, they had come up with wins over Oregon State (68-65) and San Jose State (71-59) in Mott Gym.

The New York Times
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

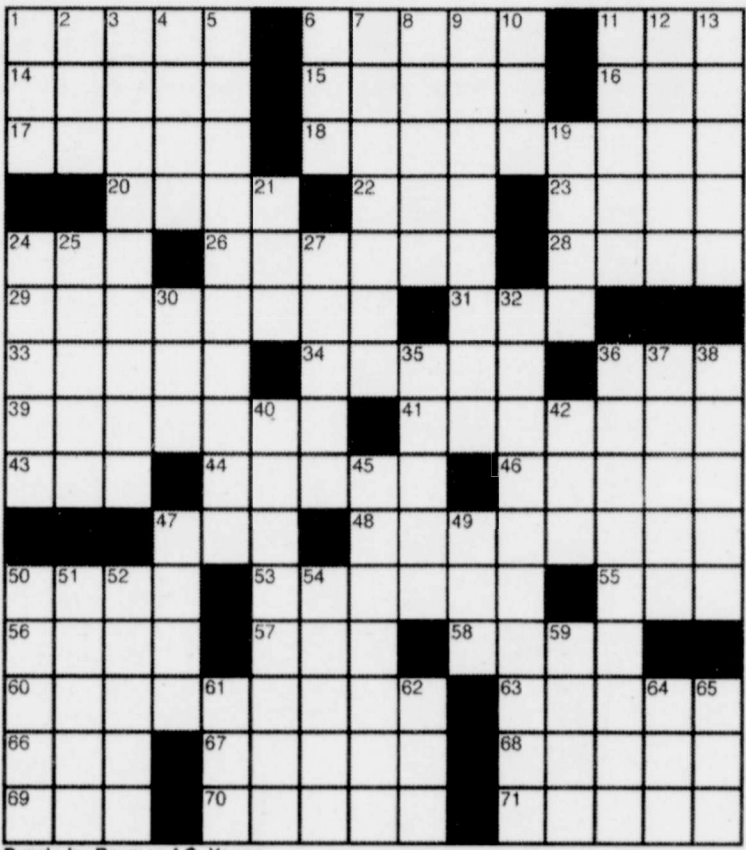
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Note: The clues in this puzzle appear in a single list, with Acrosses and Downs together. Answers that share a number in the grid also share a clue.

- CLUES**
- 1 Maple syrup need
2 Co-star of John and Samuel in "Pulp Fiction"
3 Part of a Southern network
4 A Guthrie
5 Prepare to emerge from bankruptcy
6 A dwarf
7 Cutting down
8 Ascribe to
9 Subspecies especially adapted to their environments
10 "Sure thing"
11 Singer Jackson
12 Activity for some season ticket holders
- 13 Children's author ____ Le Cain
14 "____ Scusami" (1960's song)
15 Ready for later
16 Natl. Humor Month
17 Painter Veronese
18 Kitchen whirrer
19 Custody sharers, maybe
20 Brown building?
21 Nickname of the household head on TV's "Hazel"
22 With #61, a common e-mail address ending
23 Prefix with -graphy
24 Not many
25 Intend to
- 26 Not fine
27 Cast one's lot (with)
28 Library catalog abbr.
29 Fitting in the hands
30 Dunk
31 Short sleepers?
32 Witticism
33 Apply to the skin, say
34 "____ wed"
35 ____ eye for (discerns)
36 Good tennis score
37 Intermit
38 "Mary Worth" cartoonist Ken
39 Leaving via ladder, perhaps
40 First-time stock
41 In pieces
42 Pen part
43 Part of a possessive supermarket brand name
44 ____ paradox
45 Some salts
46 Sofa
47 Use a Singer
48 Freshwater catch
49 Mauna ____
50 Sprite flavor
51 Amazed
52 Loy of "The Thin Man"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Baseball

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June. He hit .489 with runners in scoring position and earned a berth on the Rawlings Sporting Goods All-Region Team. As a senior at Coronado High School in 2005, Ortez hit .490 with 12 doubles, six triples and four home runs, driving in 43 runs and posting an .850 slugging percentage. Coronado was 21-6 in 2005 and Ortez was named team co-MVP and also earned all-region and all-state honors. He attended Chaparral High School during the 2004-05 basketball season and was named team MVP.

Jameson Smith, So., Catcher, 5-11, 200, L/R, Fresno, CA

(Clovis West HS/Clemson)

Smith attended Clemson last year and hit .125 in 15 games with a pair of starts. He is a graduate of Clovis West High School, where he hit .367 in 2005 with seven doubles, two triples, five home runs and 31 RBI. Smith earned a berth on the city all-star team and was named a Puma Preseason All-American. He also was a Tri-River Athletic Conference all-league selection and listed as a Top 100 prospect in California.

Justin Thompson, Sr., Infielder, 6-0, 180, R/R, Maple Valley, WA (Tahoma HS)

Thompson was a second baseman and shortstop at Tahoma High School, where he hit eight home runs as a junior in 2005 and earned second-team All-South Puget Sound League honors.

David Van Ostrand, So., 1B, 6-7, 225, L/R, Richmond, BC (McMath Secondary School/Hancock College)

Van Ostrand, younger brother of former Cal Poly standout Jimmy Van Ostrand, hit .322 as a freshman at Hancock College in nearby Santa Maria last spring. He hit five doubles, one triple, three home runs and drove in 32 runs, striking out just 19 times in 152 at-bats. Van Ostrand earned first-team All-Western State Conference North Division honors.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT IN MOTT GYM

The Cal Poly men's basketball team handed Division III Occidental an 81-62 loss to improve to 4-2 overall. Derek Stockalper led the Mustangs with 15 points.

For a full recap of Wednesday night's game, which ended just before press time, see Friday's Mustang Daily.

Lions hand Mustangs 64-62 loss

The Cal Poly women's basketball team suffered its first home loss of the season Tuesday night.

Josh Krane
MUSTANG DAILY

Turnovers and a failure to secure rebounds down the stretch proved costly for the Cal Poly women's basketball team in a 64-62 loss to visiting Loyola Marymount in a hotly contested nonconference game Tuesday night in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs (3-3) led 56-54 with 2 minutes, 24 seconds to play when guard Kyla Howell's turnover allowed the Lions (4-3) to tie the game and eventually take the lead for good.

Though the Mustangs were able to tie the game twice more, they found themselves down 62-60 with 26 seconds to play.

On a drive to the basket, guard Toni Newman was stripped of the ball and the Mustangs were forced to foul. LMU's Amanda DeCoud put the game out of reach when she made two free throws to put her team up 64-60 with nine seconds left.

"We seemed kind of frazzled," said senior forward Jessica Eggleston, who led Cal Poly with 15 points. "There were some turnovers and missed box-outs that let them back in the game and the momentum kind of swung. If we would have taken care of the ball and locked down on rebounding, we would have won the game."

Eggleston shot 7 of 12 from the field and had seven rebounds, four assists, one steal and one blocked shot in 29 minutes.

Cal Poly senior point guard Sparkle Anderson, recently named Big West Conference Player of the Week, injured her knee with 2:22 left in the first half after she was fouled on a drive to the basket. She left the game and did not return. Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh said she did not know Anderson's status after the game.

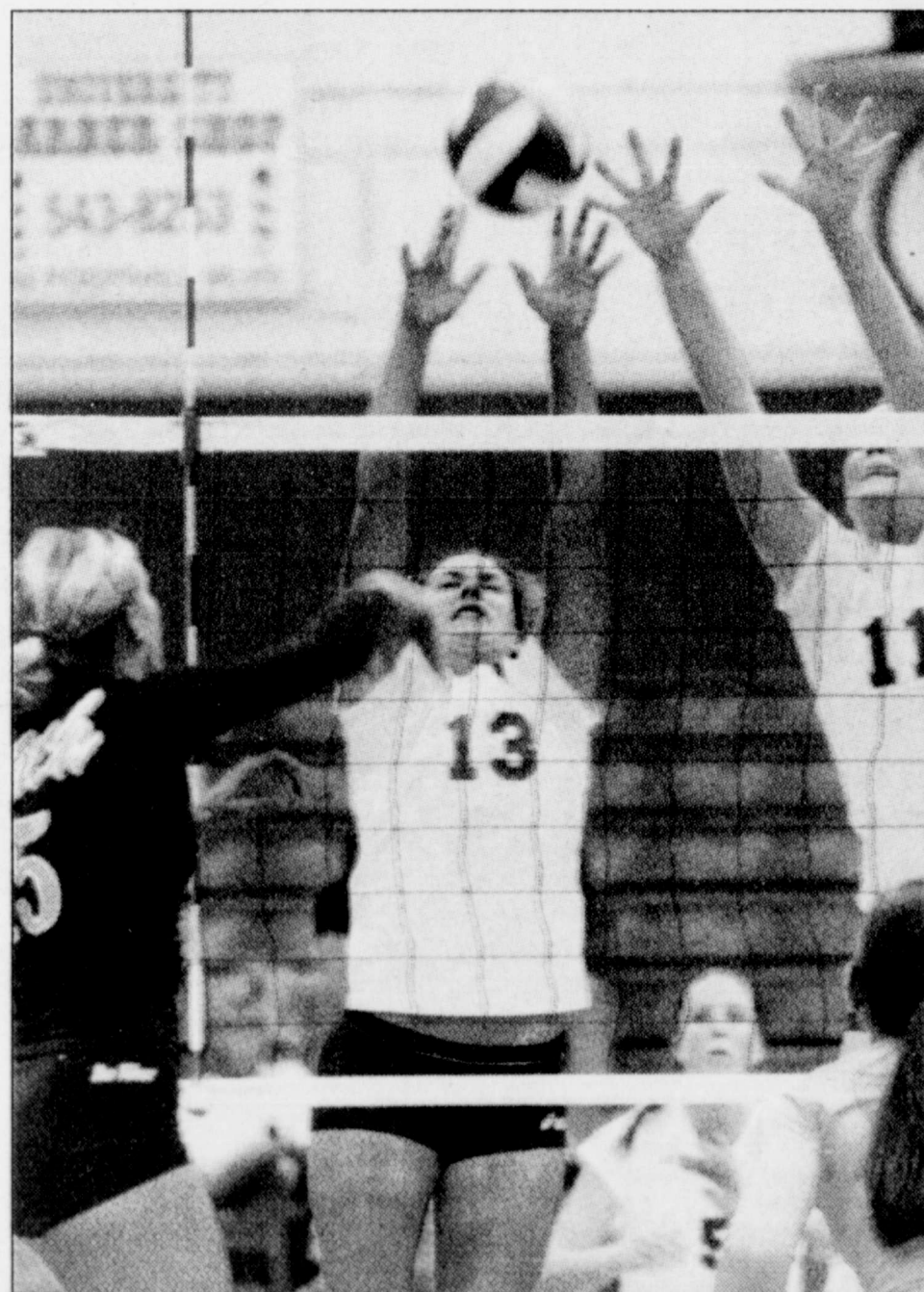
Cal Poly used defensive pressure as the catalyst for a 10-0 run to start the second half and captured its biggest lead, 41-36, with six minutes gone.

LMU answered with pressure of its own, forcing the Mustangs into a near five-minute scoring drought and four turnovers, seizing a 46-41 advantage with nine minutes left in the game.

Though the Mustangs held a

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Poly prepares for NCAA Tournament



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly volleyball team hosts Michigan at 8 p.m. Friday in an NCAA Tournament first-round match. It is the first time Cal Poly has hosted a regional since 1989.

The Mustangs, who are ranked 14th in the American Volleyball Coaches Association College Sports TV poll, are seeded 15th in the 64-team field and enter the tournament 22-5 overall after winning the Big West Conference title with a 13-1 record.

At left, Cal Poly junior setter Chelsea Hayes (13) and sophomore middle blocker Jaclyn Houston (11) go up for a block against Long Beach State's Dyanne Lawlor (15) on Oct. 27 in Mott Gym. The Mustangs won the match 3-0, one of 10 three-game sweeps in their final 12 regular-season matches.

For a complete preview of this weekend's NCAA Tournament action, see the Mustang Daily's special GameDay pullout section Friday.

6 touted recruits sign with Mustang baseball program

Cal Poly, which was 29-27 last season, has had three straight winning campaigns.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Six baseball players — three from high schools, two from the community college ranks and a transfer from Clemson — have signed national letters of intent to attend Cal Poly next fall. The announcement was made jointly by Mustang baseball coach Larry Lee and director of athletics Alison Cone.

The group of recruits includes two pitchers, a catcher, two infielders and an outfielder.

"This is a small but quality recruiting class that can piggyback onto last year's large influx of recruits," said Lee, approaching his fifth year as Mustang head coach. "Emphasis on this class was on the needs and voids to fill for the future of our program."

The recruits:

Danny Duffy, Sr., LHP/OE, 6-2, 190, L/L, Lompoc, CA (Cabrillo HS)

Duffy earned first-team All-Los Padres League and All-Area honors as a junior, hitting .387 with 12 hits,

two doubles and a dozen RBI. On the mound, he recorded 33 strikeouts in 20 innings. Last summer he was selected to play for the Southern California Cardinals and Cleveland Indians scout teams. Duffy, who led Cabrillo to an 11-12 record in 2006, also was recruited by UC Santa Barbara, Stanford, UC San Diego, Arizona, Arizona State, UNLV, BYU, San Diego State, UC Davis and Occidental.

Mark Laugenour, Sr., LHP, 6-1, 180, L/L, Woodland, CA (Woodland HS)

Laugenour posted an 11-1 record and 3.03 ERA as a junior, striking out 74 batters in 64.2 innings. He also hit .414 with 27 RBI and 11 stolen bases as he led Woodland to a 28-2 record, first-place finish in the Sierra Foothill League and the CIF-Sac-Joaquin Section Division II championship. Laugenour earned All-Sierra Foothill League and All-Metro honors and was second-team



FILE PHOTO

Shown last season, Cal Poly baseball players will soon be joined by six recruits who recently signed national letters of intent.

all-state. He also was recruited by UC Davis, UNLV, Dartmouth and Loyola Marymount.

Philip Ortez, So., OF/1B, 6-4, 200, B/R, Paradise Valley, AZ (Coronado HS/Scottsdale CC)

After signing a national letter of intent with Pacific and attending that school for a semester, Ortez transferred to Scottsdale Community College and set a school record with a .374 batting average using a wood bat en route to a 30th-round draft selection by the Detroit Tigers last

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Johnny in the Box



No reason for Favre to retire

John Middlekauff
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing.

This is a quote made famous by one of the most storied coaches in the history of sports, Vince Lombardi. He was a man that revolutionized the coaching profession while creating a dynasty in a franchise that once symbolized the NFL.

The Green Bay Packers are followed by loyal fans who can be found wearing large pieces of cheese on their heads wherever their beloved Packers play.

But when you think about the Packers today, neither Lombardi nor cheese comes to mind — Brett Favre does.

The All-American, blue-collar quarterback who has played for the Packers for 15 seasons, Favre is easily one of the toughest and gutsiest players to ever wear a jersey in the NFL.

Without question a first-ballot Pro Football Hall of Famer, Favre has been the poster boy for this league for over a decade. Let alone being one of the greatest quarterbacks to ever play in the league.

Because of recent struggles, many have called for No. 4 to hang up his cleats and call it a career. He is just holding back a franchise, and is diminishing its chances of moving in a positive direction, they say.

They say he just can't get it done and throws interceptions like it's nobody's business.

I'm here to tell you that's ridiculous and Favre shouldn't hang up those cleats until his legendary feet don't fit in them anymore.

In professional sports today, athletes are fueled by money and rarely still have the passion that drove them when they were in youth leagues and high school.

Even college athletes can lose perspective when they play at major universities that treat them like royalty. They get too big time and forget at the end of the day it's just a game that they have the privilege to play at the highest level. Not Brett Favre.

Favre, who is 16 years into a career that has a resume of accomplishments that is longer than the state of California, still plays the game with as much passion as a fifth-grader at lunch time.

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